

3809 REPORT OF INSPECTION

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Date: April 27, 2005 Time: about 9:20 pm Location: T.5S. R.24E. Sec 6 S2 of Lot 8

Operators present during inspection: No (I was accompanied by John Mayers, Geologist VFO)

Serial no. of notice: UTU 66358 (Hiko Bell expired project area) Is the operation active? No

Description of operations (including access, reclamation, etc.): The project area had been reshaped in August and September 2004 and seeded in December 2004 (most work was conducted by the VFO Div. of Operations, with some assistance from a dozer and operator provided for a number of days by Hiko Bell). It appears some grasses and shrubs are emerging, but it may take a number of months to tell if they are desirable or not. Cheat grass is emerging along the [east-west] reclaimed road [that heads toward the Green River]. It will likely take a few growing seasons to determine the amount of desirable vegetative cover as a result of the initial seeding. Tracks left by ohv travel cover the surface (see images 1 - 3 attached). The area is currently designated as OHV open (continued OHV use may facilitate the spread of noxious and invasive weeds and may reduce the emergence of desirable vegetation. Some of the intermittent drainages are starting to be reestablished (water run-off has formed small rills, see images 5 - 7).

Is the operation in compliance with the notice on file and/or the stipulations of the approved plan? (if No describe deficiencies): Yes (generally). The operator of record is providing the VFO installment payments to cover the expenses the BLM incurred by conducting the reshaping and seeding of the expired project area.

No. Reclamation of the project area has not transpired within a reasonable time after the cessation of operations (as per the pre-1/20/01 3809 regs) as well as according to an array of decision letters issued by this office, the most recent being the [6/4/03] "Notice Expired-Reclamation Required" decision (which was not appealed). Direction regarding the next enforcement actions which need to be taken if reclamation is not undertaken has yet to be published.

	signature	name/title	date
Inspector	<u>original signed</u>	Peter Sokolosky/Geologist	<u>April 29, 2005</u>
Management	<u>original signed</u>	Howard Cleavinger/AFFMMR	<u>May 2, 2005</u>

Attachment: digital images

Distribution: original to surface management case file UTU66358
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< image 1 view to east of west end of ripped road (constructed by earlier UTU66358 operator). A mound and "reclaimed area, no vehicular traffic" sign is shown in foreground. Track and ruts are indications of vehicular travel on the ground that has undergone reclamation. Arrow points at an area enlarged in image __ below



< image 2 view to north (from near the southeastern corner of the area undergoing reclamation) showing the tracking by ohv's and other wheeled vehicles have caused (on the area that had undergone reshaping and seeding)



< image 3 view to north-northwest (pan to left of image 2). Reshaped and seeded area has been tracked by vehicular travel.



< image 4 view to south of rutting by vehicles along the access that had connected project areas UTU66354 and UTU66358 (determined to have been part of the 66358 project area).



< image 5 view to east of intermittent drainage (pointed to by black arrow in image 3) that has had water flow through it since the reshaping of the expired project area.



< image 6 view to east of intermittent drainage (pointed to by blue arrow in image 3) that has had water flow through it since the reshaping of the expired project area.



< image 7 view to east of intermittent drainage (pointed to by black arrow in image 1) that has had water flow through it since the reshaping of the expired project area.